FIRST REPORT

FROM THE

COMMITTEE

ON THE

Amount *of the* JOINT CHARGE *on the* United Kingdom

OF

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND;

&c.

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THE COMMITTEE appointed to examine and report the Amount of the JOINT CHARGE on the United Kingdom of GREAT BRITAIN and IRELAND, between the 1ſt of January 1801, and the 1ſt of January 1806, what Proportion thereof has been defrayed by Great Britain and Ireland reſpectively, and what Balance remains due from either Part of the United Kingdom to the other, according to the Proviſions of the Act of the 39th and 40th Year of His Preſent Majeſty, for the Union of Great Britain and Ireland; and likewiſe to conſider of and report the beſt means of aſcertaining in future the Amount of ſuch Balance as may be due from Great Britain or Ireland reſpectively, at the expiration of each Year: and who were empowered to report their Proceedings from time to time to the Houſe;—Have, purſuant to the Order of the Houſe, proceeded to conſider the Matters to them referred, and have agreed to the following REPORT, viz.

YOUR Committee are not enabled to report the Joint Charge on Great Britain and Ireland, or to aſcertain the relative ſituation of the two Countries, as to their Expenditure, in conſequence of an Error in the formation of the Accounts tranſmitted to them on the part of Ireland, in which the Sums expended for Services prior to the Union are not diſtinguiſhed with ſufficient exactneſs. Your Committee, therefore, thought themſelves bound to call before them ſuch Officers as they ſuppoſed were moſt capable of giving them information as to the mode of keeping and auditing the Public Accounts in Ireland, with a view to aſcertain in what manner the intention of Parliament could beſt be carried into effect; and having diſcovered, by the Evidence taken before them, to what Offices application muſt be made for theſe Accounts, they have directed their Chairman to move that the ſaid Accounts be laid before the Houſe of Commons early in the next Seſſion of Parliament. They have, therefore, the ſatisfaction of believing, that their inveſtigation has led to put the Buſineſs referred to them in ſuch a train, as to leave no doubt that, ſhould the Committee be revived in the enſuing Seſſion, they will then be able to preſent a definitive Report on the ſubject.

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